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SUBJECT: ASMARA AIRPORT

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1. CIVIL AVIATION EMPLOYEES AT ASMARA HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE
THROUGHOUT PAST WEEK AND STILL ARE ON STRIKE.

2. DURING THIS PERIOD, AIRPORT HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL
TRAFFIC EXCEPT LIMITED DOMESTIC FLIGHTS BY DC-3 AND DC-6
AIRCRAFT SERVICED BY ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES PERSONNEL. THESE
AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN MAKING ONE OR TWO FLIGHTS DAILY FROM
ASMARA TO ADDIS ABABA, FERRYING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS TO
ADDIS ABABA FOR CONNECTIONS THERE.

3. IN ABSENCE OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED CIVIL AVIATION EMPLOYEES,
I CONSIDER THAT FLIGHT AND RADIO CONTROL PROCEDURES ARE
QUESTIONABLE IN TERMS OF AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATTERN SAFETY.
ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT MAC FLIGHTS CONTINUE TO
AVOID ASMARA PENDING RETURN TO WORK OF TECHNICAL CIVIL
AVIATION STAFF.

4. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION
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CONCERNING INTENTION OF CIVIL AVIATION EMPLOYEES TO RETURN

TO WORK BUT GUESS THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY OF THIS WITHIN
NEXT THREE DAYS. WE WOULD FIND USEFUL ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY
MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THIS REGARD.
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